THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANGO): (a) to (c) Employment is a thrust area in the Eighth Plan. The Plan envisages on the basis of a targetted rate of growth of the economy of 5.6 percent per annum, generation of additional employment opportunities of the order of 8.5 million per year on an average through an emplojmcnt oriented growth strategy supplemented by special employment programmes. A continuation of this strategy in the period 1997-2002 is expected to enable attainmtnt of *the* goal of near full employment by 2002. In addition to expanding, ongoing special employment programmes like integrated *Rural Development* Programme *(IRDP).* Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), and Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY), new initiatives like Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and the two million job scheme of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission have also been taken in the Eighth Plan, Suggesting that "Bakari Hatao" would be the most appropriate slogan for the country today, the Prime Minister laid empiasis on the effective implementation of these programmes.

During the first three years of the Plan, additional employment opportunities of the order of 18.78 million are estimated to have been created. The shortfall in the pace of employment generation is primarily due to the shortfall in the rate of growth of the economy. It has been only 4.63 percent per annum during 1992-95" against the targetted growth rate of 5.6 percent per annum.

The thrust of the present policy of the Government is to encourage faster growth of the private sector, where most of the additional employment opportunities is likely *to be created.*

Sugar Mills in Punjab

*752. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of sugar mills at present in the State of Punjab, location-wise/district-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to establish more sugar mills in me State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SNGH): (o) As on 31-1-95, there were 22 installed Sugar Mills in the State of Punjab. The location-wisejdis-trict-wise details are given at Statement (See below)

(b) to (d) In addition to the installed sugar mills, there are two other letters of intent issued for setting up of sugar mills at Kapurthala and Amritsar, Six. letters of Intent issued for expansion of crush ing capacity of the existing sugar mills are also pending implementation. When implemented, the additional sugar pro duction capacity would be of the order of 2.931 Lakh tonnes. Besides, as on 31.1.95, 4 proposals were received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development for grant of letters of intent for establishment of new sugar mills in the State of Punjab for consideration, the details are given below:—

Sl.No.	Name of Applicant	Proposed Location	Sector
1	M/s. Somal Sugars Ltd.,	Machhiwara, Tech. Samrala Distt. Ludhiana	Private
2	M/s. Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.,	Mamdot, Tech.&Distt.Ferojpur	Public
3	M/s. Thaper Minerals Ltd.,	At & Distt.Ludhiana	Priavate
4	Shri Vijay Kumar Garg	At any backward area in trict Patiala.	Private

Statement

The location-wise district-wise details of installed sugar mills in the State of unjau b.

Sl.No.	Name of the Sugar Mill	Location	District
1	M/s. The Morinda Coop. Sugar Mills, Ltd.,	Morinda	Roopnagar
2	M/s. Oswal Agro Mills, Ltd.,	Phagwara	Kapurthala
3	M/s. Bhagwanpura Sugar Mills Ltd.	Dhuri	Sangrur
4	M/s. The Bhogpur Coop, Sugar Mills Ltd.	Bhogpur	Jallandhar
5	M/s. The Doaba Coop, Sugar Mills Std.	Nawanshahr	Jallandhar
6	M/s. Satluj Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Nakodar	Jallandhar
7	M/s. The Batala Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Batala	Gurdaspur
8	M/s. The Gurdaspur Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Paniar	Gurdaspur
9	M/s. Zira Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Zira	Ferojpur
10	M/s. Fazilka Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Fazilka	Ferozpur
11.	M/s. Doraha Coop. Sugar Mills, Ltd.,	Doraha	Ludhiana
12	M/s. The Jagraon Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Hathoor Kamalpur	Ludhiana
13.	M/s. Tarn Taran Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Seron	Amritsar
14	M/s. Rana Sugar Ltd.,	Buttersayan	Amritsar
15	M/s. Ajanala Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Bhalapind	Amritsar
16.	M/s. The Faridkot Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Rori, Chetsingh-wala	Faridkot
17.	M/s. Oswal Sugars Ltd.,	Mukerian	Hoshiarpur
18.	The Punjab State Federation of Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Dasuya	Hoshiarpur
19.	M/s. Budnalada Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.,	Budnalada	Bhatindo
20	M/s. The Patiala Coop. Sugar Mills, Ltd.,	Rakhra	Patiala
21	M/s. Piccadily Suagr&Allied Industries Ltd.,	Patran	Patiala
22	M/s. Nahar Sugar & Allied Industries	Almoh	Patiala

Targets of Coal production

*753. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state;

(a) the details of coal production targets achieved during the past six years or the total production recorded by each of the States viz., Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal with year-wise break up;

(b) whether it is fact that the Eastern Coalfilelds Limited, a subsidiary of the| Coal India Limited has been working with negative growth rate;

(0 whether ECL has not been taking interest in developing of new mines available with huge coal reserves;